(c) The rise in he prices of petroleum products may contribute to a rise of 0.21 per cent to the general wholesale price index.

(d) The estimated additional revenue earnings on account of incerase in prices of petroleum products is likely to be of the order of about Rs. 530 crores per annum on projected offtakes.

Electrification of Villages

766. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in the country so far;

(b) how many still remain to be electrified; and

(c) by when these are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Based on the information received from the States, 3,77,783 villages had been electrified and 1,98,343 villages still remain to be electrified in the country as on 31-12-1985.

(c) Cent percent electrification of villages in the country is expected to be achieved during the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plans subject to availability of resources.

Biogas Plants

767. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise achievement with regard to the installation of biogas plants at the end of the year 1985 as against the target;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the States have misappropriated the subsidy amount, bungled in the allotment of cement for the plants and failed to identify the real beneficiaries resulting a number of plants remaining inoperative; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A statement indicating State-wise targets and number of biogas plants set up during April to December, 1985 under the National Project for Biogas Development is attached.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Directorate of Economic Research of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has conducted a Census of 13,216 biogas plants in 14 selected districts of Bihar, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu covering plants constructed under the aegis of KVIC during the period 1974-75 to 1981-82 (before the period of launching of the National Project for Biogas Development). KVIC state that 826 plants which were under construction at the time of the survey were classified as non-traceable and re-verification is being undertaken to determine the final position. KVIC have also initiated appropriate departmental action in regard to a few cases relating to cement and beneficiaries.

The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) monitor the National Project for Biogas Development through receipt of Inspection Reports from the State Governments and KVIC, by conduct of survey by independent agencies, such as National Council of Applied Economic Research, etc., through field inspection done by its own staff with the Regional Offices, and is in the process of establishing seven Monitoring Cells in different parts of the country. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is continuing to strengthen its monitoring mechanism.